

Diocese of Brechin: News Bulletin

8th September 2022

Diocesan Council Meeting Report:

August 2022 Summary

The Brechin Diocesan Council met on Tuesday 30th August by Zoom. The Council are the charity trustees of Brechin Diocese and are charged with the good running, on behalf of the Diocesan Synod, of Diocesan business and support to mission and ministry activities. The Bishop, Dean, Treasurer and Diocesan Secretary are members, along with four elected lay people and four elected clergy.

The members were welcomed by Bishop Andrew who opened the meeting with prayer. The business focused primarily on approving the Diocesan Accounts for financial year 2020-2021: these would usually be done earlier in the year, but due to the increase in the value of the Diocese's Unit Trust Pool (UTP) investments, a full audit, as opposed to independent examination of the accounts, was required and this took considerably longer as a change of process. The accounts showed that the Diocese produced a deficit at the end of the year as planned, with the additional cost of the audit and writing off historical debt the only unplanned items. Once the increase in the value of the UTP and Diocesan properties were taken into account, even given the planned operating deficit, the Diocesan assets increased in this year from £3.1m to £3.5m. The accounts were approved.

Other business included the first report by Claire Benton-Evans, the new Diocesan Children and Youth Officer, presenting her meetings and plans for activities, a Diocesan Environmental Working Group paper discussing their ongoing remit as the SEC works towards Carbon-Net-Zero by 2030 and a report on the work of the Diocesan Buildings Committee. Some grant applications for charges were considered and some other matters of HR and governance.

This meeting was also the last Council at which Allan Duffus was officially the Diocesan Treasurer, a post he has held for many years. Bob Main, appointed as Assistant Treasurer at the Diocesan Synod, will be taking over the treasurer role from September 2022. Allan was thanked in the Zoom meeting for all his efforts. Please watch this space for more reflection and thanks for Allan for his many years of excellent service.

The next meeting of Diocesan Council was confirmed for Tuesday 25th October, a few weeks after the Envi-

ronmentally themed Autumn Synod to be held on Saturday 1st October at St Ninian's, Dundee. If anyone is interested in attending this Synod, all are welcome: please contact Elliott in the office for more details.

The meeting closed with the Grace.

Brechin Diocesan 'Cyclathon' 4-18 Sep

Can you ride a bicycle? Do you want to get some exercise and raise some money for an excellent cause?



It's not too late to join in with the **Dundee Cyclathon** runs between 4th-18th September to raise money for the STV Children's Appeal. <https://www.dundeecyclathon.com/>

We have assembled a Brechin Diocesan Team for this event - with the aim of (between the members of the team) covering the distance equivalent to the perimeter of the diocese (275 kilometres, approximately). It will be a really fun way to raise some money and to make a difference. If you can cycle a long distance, just a little way or even have an exercise bike in your house: please sign up to take part!

If you might be interested in joining in with the team for the remaining time to cover some of this distance then please contact Rev Roxanne Campbell ASAP at roxanne@saintpaulscathedral.net.

Friends of St Paul's Cathedral present: The Dundee Tapestry, 10th Sep, 3pm

You are warmly invited to attend the first of the new 'Friends of St Paul's Cathedral' season's events, on 10th September at 3.00, when Dr Frances Stevenson will introduce us to the development of the Dundee Tapestry, and let us know how to become involved.

Do please register, for catering purposes, through the Eventbrite link:

<https://dundeetapestry.eventbrite.co.uk/> or via the 'Friends' email address: friends@saintpaulscathedral.net.

RSCM Scotland Young Voices Festival 2022 Water of Life - Saturday 17 Sep- tember 2022 1.30pm



This festival ends with a Service at 4.00 p.m. at St Ninian's Cathedral, Perth. The event is an opportunity for young people from schools and churches in Perthshire (and wider afield) to join together in song. It offers musical and spiritual experience and a chance to develop vocal skills. The theme 'Water of Life' celebrates God's gift of water, using a range of enjoyable and approachable songs. The festival is free to take part.

With this summer's drought in many parts of the world the theme is particularly relevant. Children aged **8-18** are welcome and don't necessarily need to have any choral experience. The music is all very approachable and singable: mostly unison with some occasional 2 and 3 part writing. Music books will all be provided on the day. If you are near Perth, please come and support them at the 4.00 service and if you know of children who would enjoy the occasion and gain from the experience then do spread the word.

To book go to RSCM Scotland website or contact matthewbeetschen@aol.com for more information.

Exhibition of COP26 Stitches for Survival scarf at the Cathedral 10th September to 2nd October

This is an opportunity to come and see some timely and beautiful artwork from the "Stitches for Survival" 1.5km climate message scarf. This was previously on display at Glasgow Green last November during the Climate Change Conference COP26 in Glasgow. The panels will be at the Cathedral in Dundee from the 10th of September until the 2nd of October.



Further information on Stiches for Survival can be found on their website: <https://stitchesforsurvival.earth/>.

Help provide supported care for separated children in Dundee

Carolina House Trust, a Dundee charity that provides fostering and continuing care across Scotland, have recently partnered with Dundee City Council to provide accommodation for separated children (or unaccompanied asylum-seeking children) in Dundee. They are now recruiting suitable carers. More information on how to be a host family can be found by following the link below.

<https://carolinahoustrust.org.uk/host-families/>

Invitation for SEC Members to attend Carfin Grotto – Scottish National Marian Pilgrimage (Roman Catholic)

On Saturday 24th September, the relics of St Bernadette of Lourdes will arrive in Carfin Grotto near Motherwell after having toured much of the UK. An invitation has been very kindly extended to Anglicans/Episcopalians to also attend the celebrations the following day, including the Rosary Torchlight Procession at 6pm.



If you would like to attend with some fellow Episcopalians (you can of course simply attend yourself if you prefer) then please let Fr Gary Clink, Assistant Priest at St Salvador's, Dundee know and he will provide you with details of the event. Fr Gary will be driving to Carfin Grotto immediately after Mass at St Salvador's (which starts at 11am, all welcome!) and has room for a few fellow pilgrims in his car – feel free to contact him directly: gary.clink@brechin.anglican.org; mob. 07500944284.

Any news to share in the Bulletin?

If you have upcoming events of interest to the whole diocese and stories and photos of events around the diocese, we would love to share these in the bulletin.

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